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The issuance of lapel buttons for long service awards or other distinguishing criteria that will associate the individual with CIA is opposed by I&S for the following reasons:

1. Security-wise they will serve no useful purpose.
2. The wearing of a distinguishing device is contrary to a basic security policy of the Agency in that it advertises the CIA connection instead of limiting such information as much as practicable.
3. Insignia openly identifying individuals with CIA may restrict their future assignments.
4. From the standpoint of morale, covert personnel, many of whom may have served long and well, would be denied the privilege allowed open employees.
5. The wearing of insignia would require the revision of a number of security policies now in effect, such as CIA employees designating their employment as U. S. Government for income tax purposes, when testifying in court or when on private foreign travel.
6. The interests of the Agency can be best served by officers serving in a spirit of nonentity whenever possible. This is the basis on which all efficient intelligence operations are conducted.